Special forces for Andhra Pradesh for meeting naxalite problem

148. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government for special forces to face naxalite problem; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) A request has been received from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for additional paramilitary forces and some equipments. The requirement projected by the state government would be met to the extent possible, subject to availability.

Pak opposition leader's statement on Training to Kashmiri subversives

149. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an opposition leader in Pakistan has stated on 14th April, 1990, that camps for training Kashmiri subversives are in existence in Rawalpindi; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Government have conveyed to Pakistan that despite its denials there is overwhelming evidence that terrorism directed against India in J&K receives support in Pakistan and that such interference in our internal affairs and encouragement to subversion and violence is unacceptable.

T.V. serial on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

150. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any serial on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Production of a T.V. serial on Dr. Ambedkar, comprising 8 episodes of 25 minutes each, has been assigned to M/s Quasar Communications, Bombay, a private producer.

Terrorism in North-Eastern Region

151. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt in militant activities in North-Eastern region of India resulting in the murder of several leading businessmen;

(b) whether this has created panic among businessmen and traders of North-East; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken/propose to take to curb the growth of terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The underground elements belonging to National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) have been indulging in acts of extortion from businessmen in Nagaland particularly from Dimapur and Kohima towns. They have also been extorting money and collecting taxes from the people in the hill areas of Manipur. The United Liberation Front of Asiam (ULFA) has been engaging in militant activities

in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam including extortions, physical injuries and murders. They have also been extorting money from businessmen. These activities have created panic among the businessmen of these States. The State Governments have been advised to take necessary steps in the regard and increase vigil. Para-military forces have been provided to these States.

Shift in terrorist outfits strategy

152. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that terrorist outfits have shifted their activities to metropolitan cities where they can safely hit at soft target; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) There is no confirmed information in this regard. The Central Government is however, keeping a close watch on the situation in close cooperation with the state governments.

Acquisition of land for Indore By-Pass

153. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs 2.45 crores was sanctioned for acquisition of land for Indore Bypass in April, 1987;

(b) if so, at what stage the land acquisition proceedings are pending and what amount has so far been spent for the aforesaid;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that Agra-Bombay National Highway passes through the congested and thickly populated localities of Indore town and almost every day fatal and serious accident occur on this road and therefore it is imperative that the aforesaid work gets expeditiously completed; and

(d) whether Government are likely to fix any time schedule for the completion of the above work?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The entire land has been acquired and about Rs. 1 crore has been disbursed so far.

(c) & (d) The need to construct a byepass around Indore has been accepted having regard to present density and other characteristics of traffic. The project of construction of the by-pass has been posed to the World Bank for financial assistance along with other projects. As the World Bank has not yet taken a final view in the matter, it is too early to fix any time schedule for the completion of the byepass.

Assistance to certain States for tackling naxalites activities

154. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing any special financial and other assistance to the State Governments for tackling the increasing naxalities activities in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra and also for coordinating the efforts of the States, as was recently demanded by a Chief Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what new initiatives and action are being taken by Government for solving this problem which has spread in the tribal areas of those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a)